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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment and terminal disclaimer filed 03/21/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 4,6-15,24-27.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 28 June 1999 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

SUPPLEMENTAL REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Terminal Disclaimer

1. The terminal disclaimer filed on 03/21/05 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of US 6,498,918 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

2. Claims 4, 6-15, 24-27 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest valid cited prior art of record, US 5,834,080, fails to teach or suggest, even in combination with US 5,585,903 and US 5,766,515, a xerographic fuser component comprising a substrate comprising a polymer selected from the group consisting of fluoropolymers, chloropolymers, silicone rubbers, polyarylenes, ethylene diene propene polymer, nitrile rubbers and mixtures thereof, and thereon a coating consisting essentially of a thiophene-based polymer material; and a heating member associated with said fuser component. US 5,834,080 fails to teach that the xerographic fuser component contains the polymer substrate coated with the thiophene-based polymer material. See Applicant's remarks dated 03/25/03. The terminal disclaimer removed US 6,498, 918 as prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Sow-Fun Hon whose telephone number is (571)272-1492. The examiner can normally be reached Monday to Friday from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon, can be reached at (571)272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571)273-8300.

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